GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF COAL BLOCKS TO MSMC
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has recommended for allocation of 27 Coal Blocks to Maharashtra State Mining Corporation (MSMC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has approved in principle only four coal blocks to MSMC;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the status of allocation of remaining coal blocks to MSMC;

(f) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested to consider allocation of additional coal blocks to MSMC; and

(g) if so, the time by which these coal blocks are likely to be allocated to MSMC?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Coal had invited applications on 7th November, 2006 from Central/State Public Sector Undertakings for allocation of 27 coal blocks earmarked for allocation through the Government Company dispensation route. In response, a total of 279 applications were received. The Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Limited (MSMCL) had applied for allocation of 12 coal blocks.

(c)&(d): Out of 27 coal blocks, MSMCL has been allocated Agarzari and Warora coal blocks located in the State of Maharasthra. Another coal block viz Marki-Zari-Zamani- Adkoli was allocated to MSMCL in the previous round of allocation made in 2006.

(e): 44 Central/State Public Sector Companies including MSMCL had applied for allocation of coal blocks. Considering the relative merit of each case, the remaining coal blocks have been allocated to other Central/State Publics Sector Undertakings

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (f) above.